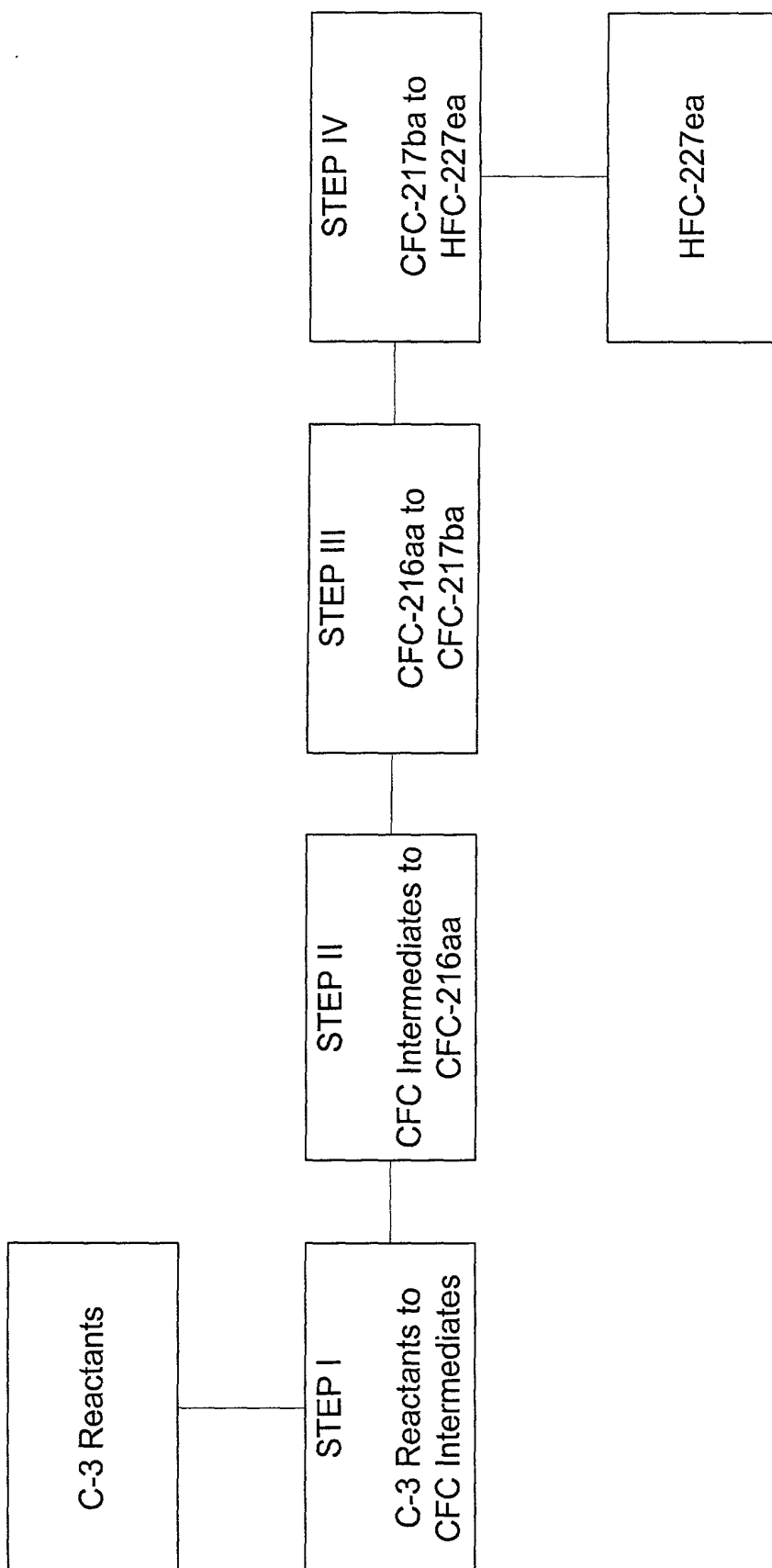
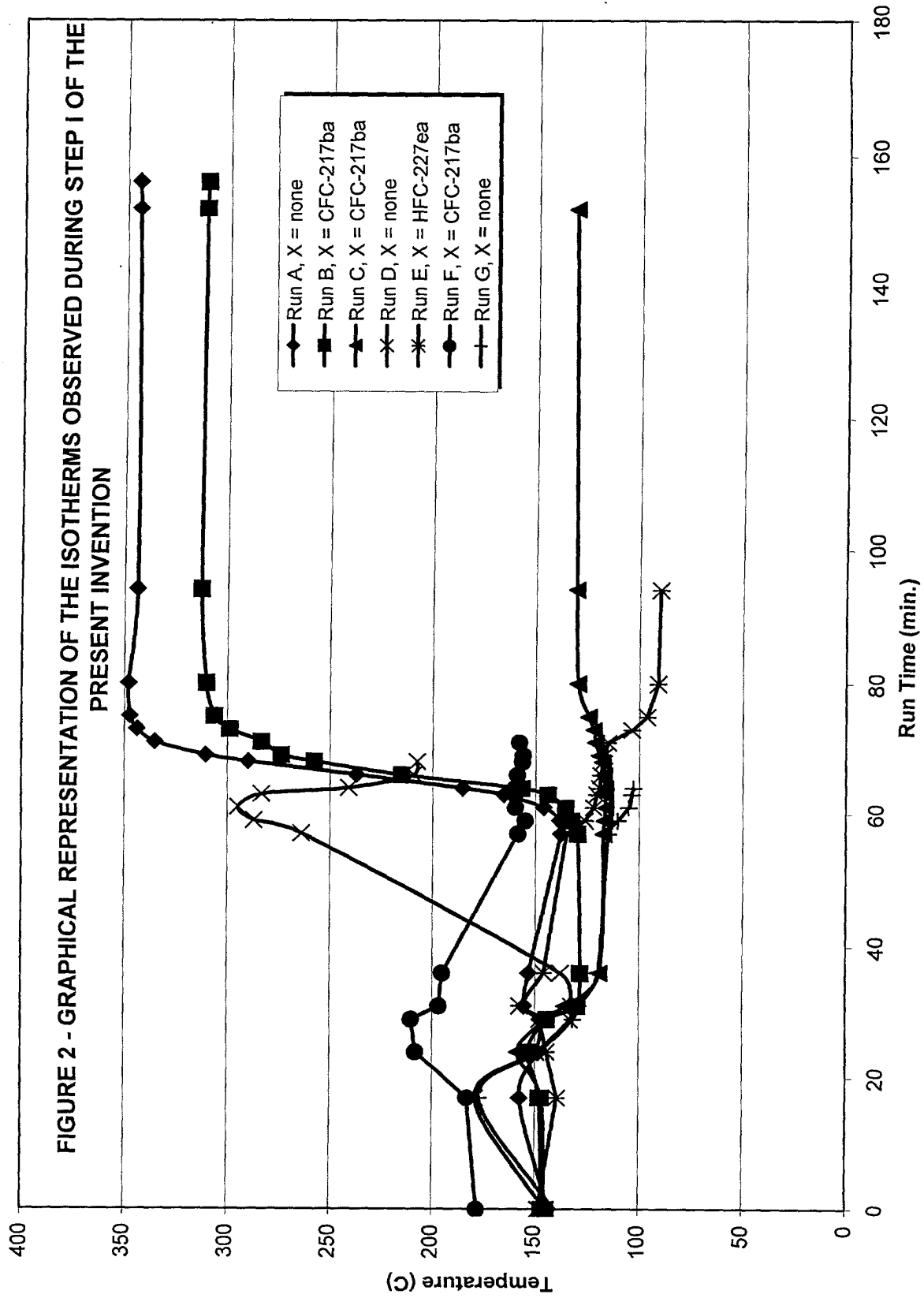


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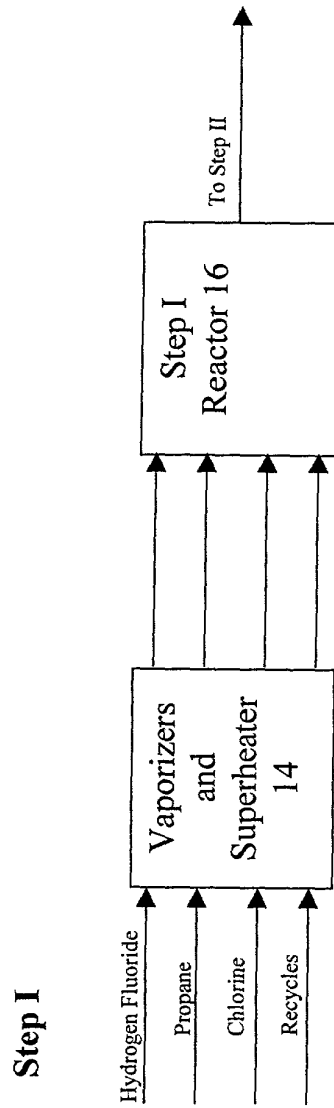


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Step II

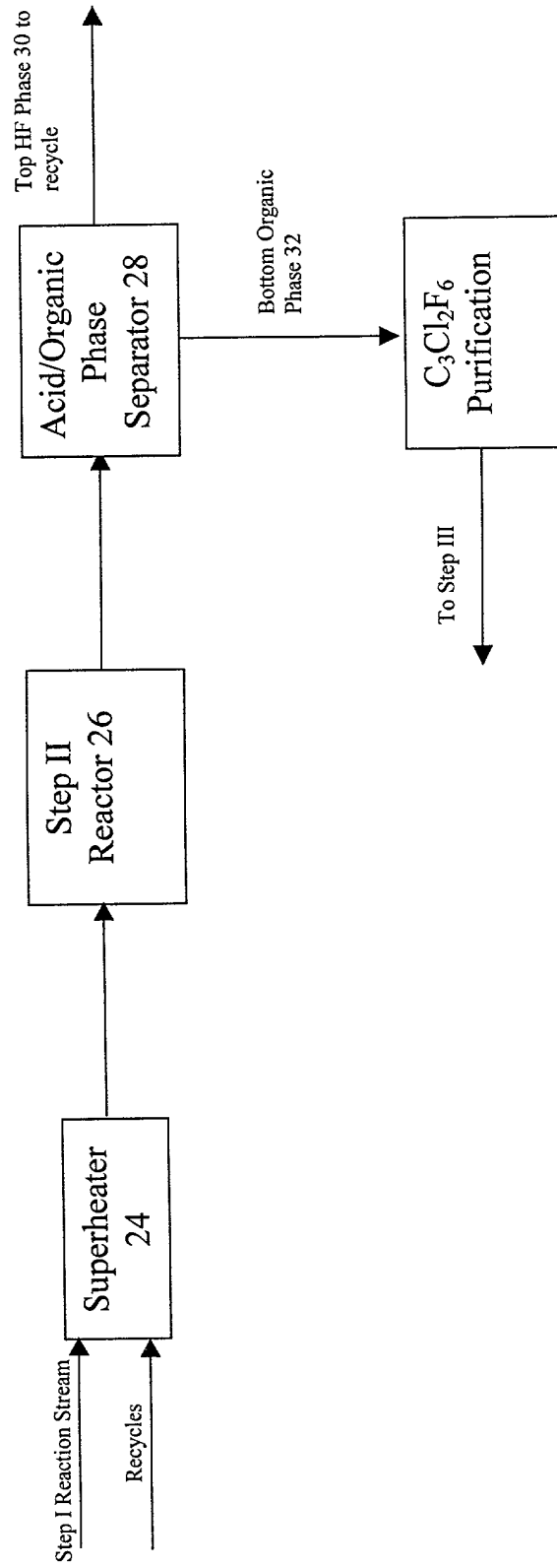


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Step III

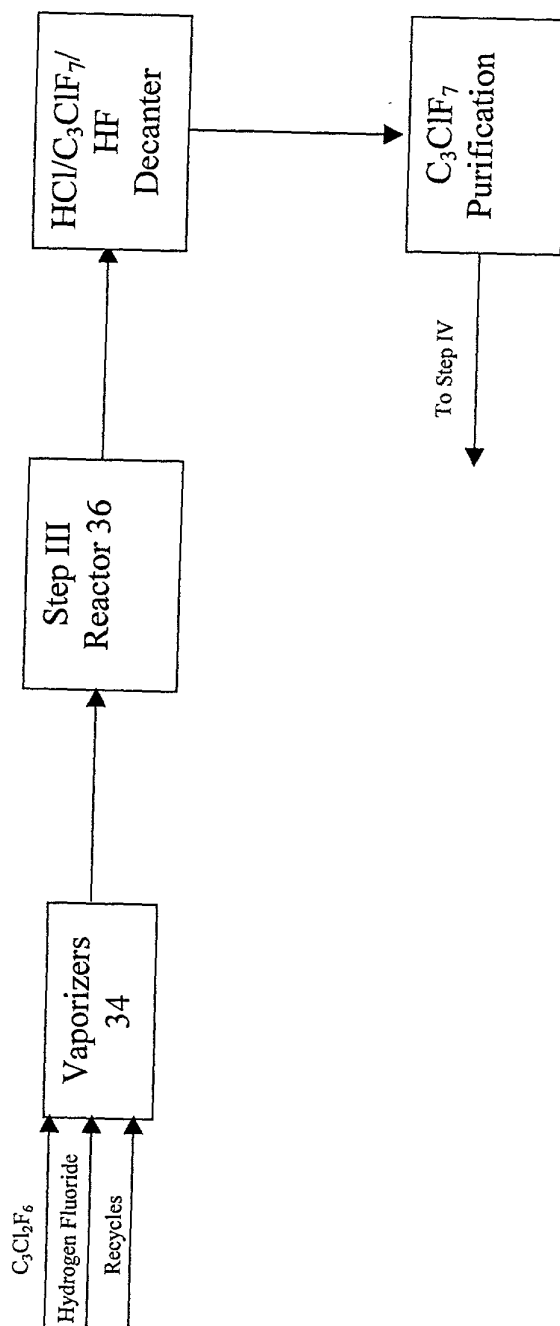


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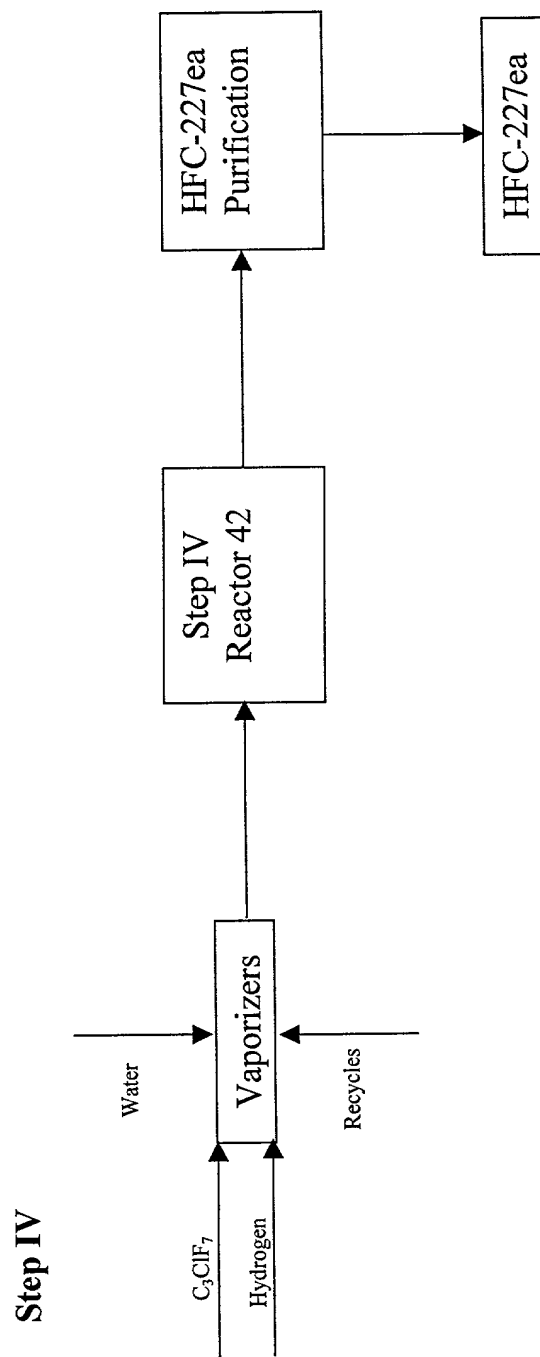


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FIGURE 7 - GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION of the INCREASED CATALYST LIFE OBSERVED in an EMBODIMENT OF STEP IV

